GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
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OPERATION OF TUTICORIN AND PUDUCHERRY AIRPORTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Airports Authority of India (AAI) has given its nod for the operations of Tuticorin and Puducherry airports;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is a proposal to provide for night landing facilities in all the airports; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION(SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) & (b) Tuticorin and Puducherry airports are operational airports.Scheduled flights of M/s. Kingfisher Airlines are already operating on the Chennai/Tuticorin sector. Non-scheduled flights,helicopters and flying club aircrafts are also operating from Puducherry airport.

(c) & (d) Airports Authority of India (AAI) has planned to provide Night Landing Facilities at most of its airports. Night landing facilities have already been provided at 83 airports related to the AAI/Army/ Navy and at 11 airports, the night landing facilities are expected to be provided by March 2010.